

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph, which begins on line 2 and ends on 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Specification

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a shoe insole, embodied as a foot pad, ~~as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1.~~

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 25, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, please replace the first full paragraph which begins on line 2 and ends on line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

For attaining this object, ~~the characteristics recited in claim 1 are provided for~~ a shoe insole that provides at least one depression between the first cushion-like layer in the forefoot joint area and the second cushion-like layer in the midfoot/tarsus transition area, for relieving the pressure on the head or heads of the metatarsal bone or bones and originating at the top side of the sole base body of the aforementioned type.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 and ending on line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~With the characteristics of claim 2, a depression provided for the second head of the metatarsal bone, and/or one depression for the third head of the metatarsal bone,~~ it is attained that particularly those areas that are primarily threatened anatomically are relieved. ~~Further features are defined by the characteristics of claim 3, and/or claim 4. An advantageous disposition of the depressions relative to the cushion-like layer or layers is defined by the characteristics of claim 5~~ characterized in that the depression for the respective head of the metatarsal bone is located approximately in alignment with the respectively associated plateau-like area of the first cushion-like layer.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph which begins on line 13 and ends on line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An especially advantageous embodiment ~~is defined by the characteristics of claim 6 and/or in conjunction with it by the characteristics of claim 7 or claim 8, since as a result~~ results from further reinforcement of the so-called floating state of the anatomically threatened places, and thus further pressure relief of them, are attained.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph which begins on line 19 and ends on line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To further reinforce the circulation, ~~the characteristics of claim 9 and/or claim 10 are provided. The characteristics of claim 11 may be expedient in the region of the heel, a fourth cushion-like layer is provided, which is plateau-like and preferably homogeneously oval in the transversal position of the sole, and/or in the region of the plantar arch , a fifth cushion-like layer is provided of crescent-like shape, with the cushion-like layers formed by a soft foam.~~

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On page 4, please delete the paragraph which begins on line 22 and ending on line 26.

On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 4, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, prior to the paragraph beginning on line 16, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS